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SUBJECT: WTO - STATEMENT OF PROVISIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL

OUTCOME OF PANAMA MEETING OF IUOTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPORTED SEPTTEL. TEXT OF STATENENT MADE AT OUTSET OF MEET-
ING BY WTO PROVISIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL LONATI REFERRED TO
THEREIN FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: AT THE MOMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA I
WISH, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON ME BY THE
PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 45 OF THE STATUTES OF WTO, TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

(1) THE STATUTES OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION, ADOPTED
BY THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
UNION OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS AT MEXICO CITY ON
27 SEPTEMBER 1970, CAME INTO FORCE ON 1 NOVEMBER 1974
FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION MADE TO STATES CONCERNED BY THE
SWISS GOVERNMENT, THE PROVISIONAL DEPOSITARY.

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(2) STARTING FROM THAT DATE AND ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 1 OF

THE STATUTES, THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION IS CREATED AS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION RESULTING FROM THE TRANSFORMATION OF IUOTO.

(3) THE FIRSTORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WTO HAS TO BE CONVENED AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS ALLOW.

(4) DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ORGANIZATION IS SECURED BY PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 40 WHICH FIXES THE PROVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT GENEVA AND PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 45 WHICH ENTRUSTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IUOTO TO ACT AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WTO.

(5) STARTING FROM THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE WTO STATUTES, ALL THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF IUOTO ARE ASSUMED BY WTO WHICH TAKES THEM OVER ENTIRELY AND WHICH WILL USE, ACCORDING TO NEED, THE NECESSARY EXISTING STRUCTURES.

(6) THE PRESENT DECLARATION HAS THE OBJECT OF GIVING THIS MEETING AN ORIENTATION FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ITS TASKS. END TEXT.

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